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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUBJECT:** Lake Susupe Water Quality, Saipan

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The Lake Susupe Water Quality study is being conducted under authority of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1974, as amended, and funded under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program. PAS studies are cost shared on a 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal basis. However, Section 1156 of the WRDA 1986 waives the project sponsor's cost sharing requirements up to \$200,000 for all studies and projects conducted within the CNMI.

b. The study was initiated in fiscal year 2001 at the request of the project sponsor, CNMI, Division of Environmental Quality. The study objective is to determine the extent and cause(s) of the degradation of water quality in Lake Susupe, Saipan. The project objective will be accomplished by testing of water and sediment samples at the lake and identifying potential sources of contamination within the Lake Susupe Watershed.

c. To date, \$75,000 in study funds was received, and an additional \$225,000 is required to complete the study. No work was initiated on the study in FY02-03 due to insufficient funds. Study completion is scheduled for one year subsequent to task order award. The Honolulu District is continuing to monitor the availability funding required to complete the study.

3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest in this project, at this time.